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We trust everybody interested will at once go to work and add his share of new subscribers to the list necessary to make the 3,000. This is an excellent time to canvass. If we are to reach the 3,000 the work must be done, or the greater portion of it, between this and new year. It has been a year of prosperity and it should not be a difficult matter to secure subscribers. Progress will be reported each week, and when the list reaches 3,000 the names of all persons who have sent in new subscriptions will be published. Why should we not close the year 1899 and open the year 1900 with a subscription list of 3,000? It can easily be done if our people will make an effort. Will you do it?

Agents have been appointed, or will be, in every congregation, and we much prefer to have you work thru the agent. If you secure new subscriptions give the names and addresses to the regularly appointed agent in your congregation where there is one. He will remit us and let us know what premium you have selected. Where there is no agent send direct to the House.

### Change in Quarterly

We have decided to make a change in the Quarterly which, in our judgment will be an improvement over the present form that our patrons will no doubt appreciate. Announcement will be made later, and the changes fully explained. There will also be changes in Our Little Folks adapting it still more to the needs of the children. Circulars giving full particulars will be mailed to representatives of all schools of which we have a record in the office.

### The Annual

Ministers desiring change of address in the Annual will do well to write us at once as there will not be very much time to make the change. Please do not overlook this matter as it is important. We should very much like to have a correct ministerial list, and it is impossible for us to get it without your help.

### Origin of Limestone Ballast for Railways

Crushed limestone was first used by the Pennsylvania System of railways in the construction of beds for tracks. The stone was tried as an experiment, the many limestone deposits along the Pennsylvania

Lines in eastern Pennsylvania suggest its use in that manner. It was found to pack solidly and make a remarkably firm roadbed, besides being clean and offering no nourishment for weeds. Limestone ballast is now used extensively on the Pennsylvania System thruout Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, which accounts for the smooth running of trains and freedom from dust enjoyed by passengers over that route.

## Personal Mention

Brother Fetter Hall reports six accessions at Montour Iowa, and the work prospering

Brother Mackey recently visited Hagerstown, Md., assisting Brother Tombaugh in a few meetings and communion services.

Brother Stephen Hilderbrand recently held a meeting in the McKees congregation, Pa. which resulted in four accessions,

Thru Brother Copp we learn that brother L. S. Bauman is expected in Dayton about Nov. 6 to begin a two week's meeting.

The work at Milledgeville, Ill., under the leadership of Brother Teeter, is well organized, in all departments of church work.

Brother E. B. Shaver is engaged for a series of revival meetings in the New Enterprise, Pa. congregation of which Brother Smouse is pastor.

Last Sabbath Brother Yoder visited the German Baptist Mission in Chicago and by invitation preached for them. Who said the world is getting worse?

Brother D. J. Myers reports a pleasant communion service in the Homer church. Among the visitors was Brother Brown, of the Fair Haven congregations.

Brother Talley has again returned to his work in Chicago, from which he was absent since the Illinois conference. He has been re-elected District Evangelist.

Brother Gillin calls attention to a very interesting phenomenon which will take place in the heavens on Nov. 13, 14 or 15, about midnight. More about this next week.

Brother P. M. Swineheart orders his address for the Annual, Berlin, Pa. From this we infer that he takes charge of the work there. The brotherhood will likely hear from him.

We trust every church in the brotherhood will heed, and we urge them to heed the appeal made by Brethren Talley and Cassel, President and Secretary of the National Mission Board.

When last heard from Brother Bauman and Fox were in the midst of a glorious revival at Cambria, Ind., with thirteen accessions. We may yet hear greater results from that place.

Brother Ditch writes hopefully of the work in his field of labor. On account of the extra work the office of State Evangelist imposes upon him Brother Ditch resigned one of his charges.

The regular monthly missionary meeting of the Young People's society was led by Brother Carpenter. The collection for missions was \$5 65. The attendance and interest were good.

Byother Parsons' impression of the Washington City Mission, is always the impression upon those who "come and see." Would that the same impression could be made on the whole church.

From the report of S. W. Va., conference, given by brother D. C. Moomaw, we learn that the work in that part of the old Dominion is opening up very nicely, and the prospects good for a rich harvest.

Brother W. H. Miller, Secretary of the Indiana State Mission Board is keeping the needs of that State before the people thru the Evangelist. This is as it should be. The columns of the paper are open for such work.

Brother Wolfe and wife who have been visiting at the latter's parents, leave for their home in California today (Thursday). It is a long journey, and our prayer is that both may reach it in safety. Their visit here was much appreciated.

Brother Lyon's weekly letter, always interesting, is especially so this week. We rejoice in the rich and blessed experience our brother is having. Let us not forget that we can do much toward making our brother happy.

Sister Frame contributes a thoughtful article to the sisters department. We are pleased to learn that the sisters are taking advantage of the privileges extended to them. They are beginning to utilize their space in the paper. Probably the result of Sister Detwiler's visits among them. We trust Sister Frame may be heard from again.

We invite special attention to the contribution by H. Clay Trumbull on "The Divine Holiday." The idea of rest, worship and service, as associated with the Sabbath, is a beautiful one. The former two, rest and worship, prepare us for the latter, service. Unless the latter grows out of the former two, the Sabbath fails of its true purpose. Rest, worship, service, these three, but the greatest is service.

Brother Simon Mikesell sends us the following note for publication: "Having located at Parkersburg, W. Va., I would be pleased to know the nearest Brethren church in W. Va., or Ohio, and I am also ready to do some preaching for any church wishing my services, if not too far away from Parkersburg." We trust Brother Mikesell will find a church home within reach of his city, and we should certainly be glad to hear that some church has called him into service.

## SERMON ECHOES

LOUIS S. BAUMAN

Religion is not a fire escape. It is a life of activity centered in God.

Many men have tried and failed. No man has trusted and failed.

How did he die? What matters that? God asks. How did he live?

If you are no better than the majority, you are not ready to meet God.

God needs men who stand ready to do more than their share.

It costs something to be a Christian. It costs more to be a sinner.

Some men chew up and spit out dollar after dollar, and then grumble about hard times.

If everybody were only doing God's will, some preachers would be shovelling dirt.

When you feel you are falling from grace, drop at once upon your knees.

In the booth, alone with God, let every Christian voter ask, "What would Jesus do?" and then do it, and it will knock a hole in the bottom of every liquor cask in America.

Roann, Ind.

## College Notes

Bro. Witter is gaining strength slowly and we hope to see him in his accustomed place soon. His work has been carried on by others with the exception of the German.

The class in the Gospels has now completed the second year of the life work of Christ. This Bible-work becomes increasingly interesting the oftener one goes over the ground. How few of us realize just what it is to study the Bible, particularly the N. T.